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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents, as well as English-language abstracts thereof, are enclosed. (It is noted that the enclosed abstracts for JP 61-59911, 61-59912 and 61-59914 (B documents) are abstracts of the corresponding A documents.)

Japanese Patent Application Publication Nos. 61-59911, 61-59912 and 61-59914 are discussed at page 1 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. 5-202328, 9-207424 and 7-195823 are discussed at page 3 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2001-138554 is discussed at pages 5 and 7 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

U.S. Patent Nos. 4,330,787; 4,459,600; 4,723,129; 4,740,796; 4,849,774; 5,122,814; 5,159,349; 5,521,621 and 5,754,194 are U.S. counterparts to JP 61-59911, JP 61-59912 and JP 61-59914.

EP 0 534 634 is a counterpart to JP 5-202328.

U.S. Patent No. 5,635,969 is a U.S. counterpart to JP 7-195823.

#### FORMAL MATTERS

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#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that initialed copies of the enclosed Forms PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		61-59911 (B2)	12/1986	Japan			Abstract & U.S. counterpart
		61-59912 (B2)	12/1986	Japan			Abstract & U.S. counterpart
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## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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